answered him extempore in Latin The words of her beginning were these [c] *Expectavt Legationem^ mihi vero querelam adduxtsti* ' , and continuing to this effect * Is this the business the King has sent you about ? Surely I can hardly believe that if the King himself were present, he would have used such language, for if he should, I must have thought that being a King not of many years, and that *non de lure sangmnis sed lure electionis^ wimo nomter electus^* he may haply be uninformed of that course which his father and ancestors have taken with us, and which peradventure shall be observed by those that shall live to come after us And as for you, although I perceive you have read many books to fortify your arguments in this case, yet I am apt to believe that you have not lighted upon the chapter that prescribes the form to be used between kings and princes , but were it not for the place you hold, to have so publicly an imputation thrown upon our justice, which as yet never failed, we would answer this audacity of yours in another style And for the particulars of your negotiations, we will appoint some of our Council to confer with you, to see upon what ground this clamour of yours hath his foundation *

THE POLISH AMBASSADOR

The merchants that trade to Danzic or other parts in the East Countries forbear all offices of ceremony towards the Polish ambassador, as of visitation, sending presents or whatsoever of the like gratification, until it is resolved on the answer to be given him

*2Stb July* THE PLAYHOUSES ORDERED TO BE PLUCKED DOWN

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen have again petitioned the Council for the present stay and final suppression of stage plays

at the Theatre, Curtain, Bankside and all other places, alleging four reasons in particular

Firstly, they corrupt youth, containing nothing but unchaste matters and ungodly practices which impress the \ery quality and corruption of manners which they represent, contrary to the rules and art prescribed for them even among the heathen, who used them seldom and at set times and not all the year long

Secondly, they are the ordinary places for vagrant persons, masterless men, thieves, horse-stealers, whoremongers, coseners,